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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/08 AND ENDING 12/31/08  
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## A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Alternative Investment Services, LLC

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

141 West Jackson, Suite 1320A

(No. and Street)

Chicago

(City)

Illinois

(State)

60604

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

James Baer

(312) 264-4343

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

## B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

Kehlenbrink, Lawrence & Pauckner

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

6296 Rucker Road, Suite G

(Address)

Indianapolis

(City)

Indiana

(State)

46220

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CHECK ONE:

- ☒ Certified Public Accountant  
☐ Public Accountant  
☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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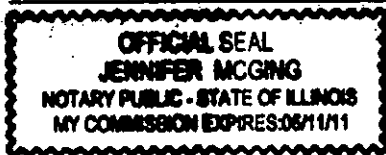
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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, James Baer, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Alternative Investment Services, LLC, as of December 31, 20 08, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:



[Signature]  
Signature  
Managing Member  
Title

[Signature]  
Notary Public

This report \*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☒ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☒ (d) Statement of Cash Flows.
- ☒ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☒ (g) Computation of Net Capital
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☒ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☒ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

**\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).**



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To the Board of Directors  
Alternative Investment Services, LLC

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Alternative Investment Services, LLC as of December 31, 2008 and 2007 and the related statements of income, changes in members' equity and cash flows for the years then ended that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial condition of Alternative Investment Services, LLC as of December 31, 2008 and 2007 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained on pages 8 through 10 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Kehlenbrink, Lawrence + Pauckner*

February 12, 2009

# Alternative Investment Services, LLC

## Statement of Financial Condition

	<u>December 31, 2008</u>	<u>December 31, 2007</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 118,989	\$ 173,046
Receivable from related party	1,318	-
Prepaid expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>860</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 120,307</u>	<u>\$ 173,906</u>
 <b>Liabilities and Members' Equity</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payable to related party	\$ 3,620	\$ 10,480
Accrued expenses	<u>7,793</u>	<u>5,800</u>
Total liabilities	<u>11,413</u>	<u>16,280</u>
 <b>Members' Equity</b>	<u>108,894</u>	<u>157,626</u>
 Total Liabilities and Members' Equity	<u>\$ 120,307</u>	<u>\$ 173,906</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## Alternative Investment Services, LLC

### Statement of Income

	Years Ended	
	December 31, 2008	December 31, 2007
<b>Revenues</b>		
Distribution fee income	\$ 70,298	\$ -
Other brokerage income	-	35,000
Interest	-	4,468
Dividends	2,774	2,914
Total revenues	73,072	42,382
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Commission expense	51,282	-
Professional fees	7,729	15,069
Contract labor	43,549	37,986
Travel	1,783	1,326
Regulatory and compliance	1,410	2,056
Miscellaneous	290	1,487
Total operating expenses	106,043	57,924
Net Loss	\$ (32,971)	\$ (15,542)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## **Alternative Investment Services, LLC**

### **Statement of Changes in Members' Equity**

	<b><u>December 31, 2008</u></b>	<b><u>December 31, 2007</u></b>
Balance at the beginning of the period	\$ 157,626	\$ 207,802
Net loss	(32,971)	(15,542)
Member withdrawals	<u>(15,761)</u>	<u>(34,634)</u>
Balance at the end of the period	<b><u>\$ 108,894</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 157,626</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# Alternative Investment Services, LLC

## Statement of Cash Flows

	Years Ended	
	December 31, 2008	December 31, 2007
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Net loss	\$ (32,971)	\$ (15,542)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Prepaid expenses	860	(860)
Payable to/receivable from related party	(8,178)	35,804
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,993	(12,691)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	<u>(38,296)</u>	<u>6,711</u>
<b>Financing Activities</b>		
Member withdrawals	<u>(15,761)</u>	<u>(34,634)</u>
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	<u>(15,761)</u>	<u>(34,634)</u>
Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(54,057)	(27,923)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	<u>173,046</u>	<u>200,969</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$ 118,989</u>	<u>\$ 173,046</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## **Alternative Investment Services, LLC**

### **Notes To Financial Statements December 31, 2008**

#### **Note 1 – Significant Accounting Policies**

##### Description of Business

Alternative Investment Services, LLC is registered as a broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission. As a securities broker-dealer, the Company is engaged in general brokerage and financial service activities. The Company will continue in existence until December 21, 2043, unless dissolved before then.

##### Estimates and Assumptions

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

##### Accounting Method

The accounts of the Company are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting. Income earned from customer security transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. If payments are not received or the transaction has not settled on customer transactions, accounts receivable is recorded to recognize that income.

##### Statement of Cash Flows

Cash and cash equivalents consist of a money market account. The Company does not pay income taxes. The Company did not pay any interest costs in 2008 or in 2007.

##### Income Taxes

The Company has elected under the Internal Revenue Code, to be taxed as a partnership. Accordingly, the members rather than the Company, will be taxed on income. Therefore, no provision or liability for income taxes has been included in these financial statements.

#### **Note 2 - Concentrations of Credit Risk**

The balance in cash and cash equivalents is a money market account which is not insured against loss.

All of the distribution fee income came from transactions related to one family of funds.



## **Alternative Investment Services, LLC**

### **Notes To Financial Statements December 31, 2008**

#### **Note 3 – Related Party Transactions**

Uhlmann Price Securities, LLC (UPS) owns 20% of the Company. The other members of the Company are also members of UPS. Most expenses of the Company are paid by UPS and later reimbursed by the Company. Expenses paid on behalf of the Company totaled \$46,553 and \$43,837 in 2008 and in 2007, respectively. Cash receipts collected by UPS on behalf of the Company totaled \$19,017 in 2008. The Company owed \$2,302 and \$10,480 to UPS as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

#### **Note 4 – Net Capital Requirements**

The Company is required to maintain a minimum net capital by SEC Rule 15c3-1. Net capital required under the rule is the greater of \$5,000 or 6-2/3% of the aggregate indebtedness of the Company. On December 31, 2008, the Company had net capital of \$105,196, which was \$100,196 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 10.8%.

#### **Note 5 - Control Requirements**

There are no amounts, as of December 31, 2008, to be reported pursuant to the possession or control requirements under Rule 15c3-3. The Company is in compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under paragraph (k)(1) and thus is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3.

#### **Note 6 – Reconciliation Pursuant to Rule 17a-5(d)(4)**

##### Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1

There were no reconciling items between the December 31, 2008 unaudited Focus report and this report.

## Alternative Investment Services, LLC

### Computation of Net Capital, Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1(f) December 31, 2008

<b>Net Capital</b>	
Members' equity	\$ 108,894
Less: Nonallowable assets	<u>1,318</u>
Net capital before haircuts on security positions	107,576
Haircuts on securities	<u>2,380</u>
Net capital	<u><u>\$ 105,196</u></u>
 Aggregate Indebtedness	 <u>\$ 11,413</u>
Net capital required based on aggregate indebtedness	<u><u>\$ 761</u></u>
 Computation of Basic Net Capital Requirement	
Minimum net capital required (Based on minimum dollar requirement)	<u><u>\$ 5,000</u></u>
Excess Net Capital	<u><u>\$ 100,196</u></u>
Excess Net Capital at 1000% (Net capital less 10% of aggregate indebtedness)	<u><u>\$ 104,055</u></u>
Percentage of Aggregate Indebtedness to Net Capital	<u><u>10.8%</u></u>



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Board of Directors  
Alternative Investment Services, LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Alternative Investment Services, LLC, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Company's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities and including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17(a)-5(g), in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c-3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

1. Making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13
2. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
3. Obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customers as required by Rule 15c3-3.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls, and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph, and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that the assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

To the Board of Directors of  
Alternative Investment Services, LLC  
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Because of inherent limitations in internal control and the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.


A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31, 2008, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, the FINRA, and other regulatory agencies which rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Kehlenbrink, Lawrence & Pauckner  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
February 12, 2009

*Alternative Investment Services, LLC*

*Year Ended December 31, 2008*

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